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TAGS: PFOR, SEATO

SUBJ: THANOM ON SEATO

PRIME MINISTER THANOM KITTIKACHORN HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 18, HE STATED THAT HE HAD POSTPONED HIS SCHEDULED AUGUST TRIP TO INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE BECAUSE OF THE TROUBLED SITUATION IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. A REPORTER RAISED THE ISSUE OF THE ROLE OF SEATO. EXCERPTS FROM AN UNOFFICIAL MISSION TRANSLATION OF THE TRANSCRIPT FOLLOWS.

REPORTER: SINCE THE SITUATION YOU HAVE EXPLAINED CAUSES VERY GRAVE CONCERN, COULDN'T SEATO GIVE HELP SOME WAY TO EASE IT?

THANOM: YOU MUST HAVE SEEN THAT SEVERAL COUNTRIES ARE TRYING TO DRAW APART FROM SEATO NOW AND NOT BE INVOLVED IN ITS MILITARY ACTIVITIES, CONTINUING TO SUPPORT AND GIVE AID TO ITS ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ACTIVITIES TO  
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A GREATER EXTENT INSTEAD. IT CAN BE SEEN THAT SEVERAL

OF ITS MEMBER NATIONS ARE ENDEAVORING TO KEEP APART  
FROM ITS MILITARY MANEUVERS. GIVING AID TO ECONOMIC  
ACTIVITIES COULD BE USED IN PRACTICAL WAYS ALSO,  
SUCH AS CONCENTRATING THE AID IN AREAS WHERE COMMUNISTS  
MIGHT INFILTRATE ON A LARGE SCALE.

REPORTER: WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR AMERICA TO IN-  
FILTRATE FROM THE ANGLE OF SEATO?

THANOM: AMERICA HAS NOT CHANGED IN ANY WAY IN REGARD  
TO THIS AGREEMENT OR TREATY. IT ASSERTS THAT IT STILL  
ADHERES FIRMLY TO IT, TO ITS PLANS, AND TO ANY AND  
ALL AGREEMENTS UNDER SEATO.  
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